

HB 1744 -- PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS

SPONSOR: Kelley (126)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill designates the month of November as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" and encourages Missourians to participate in appropriate activities and events to increase awareness of pancreatic cancer, which is incurable and has a low rate of survival due to the advanced stage of the disease when symptoms typically present themselves.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. There are no early detection methods for this type of cancer. There is also significantly less research related to this cancer than other types of cancer. The bill helps raise awareness about pancreatic cancer.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kelley (126); and Nina Dean.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.